



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5850**

LCO No. 2838

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 26-157f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       (a) There is established a Lobster Restoration Advisory Committee  
4       to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on matters  
5       relating to the development of a lobster v-notch conservation program  
6       to enhance recovery and rebuilding of lobster stock in Long Island  
7       Sound.

8       (b) The committee shall be comprised of the following eleven  
9       members: (1) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the  
10      commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the  
11      commissioner's designee, (3) the state's administrative commissioner to  
12      the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, (4) the state's  
13      legislative commissioner to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries  
14      Commission, (5) the state's commissioner who has been appointed by  
15      the Governor to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, (6) a  
16      representative of the Southern New England Fishermen's and  
17      Lobsterman's Association, (7) a representative of the Connecticut

18 Commercial Lobstermen's Association, (8) a representative of the Long  
 19 Island Western End Lobstermen's Association, (9) a representative of  
 20 the state vocational aquaculture school known as the Sound School in  
 21 New Haven, (10) a representative of a state vocational aquaculture  
 22 school in Bridgeport, and (11) a representative of the Connecticut  
 23 Seafood Council.

24 (c) The committee shall be appointed jointly by the Commissioners  
 25 of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, after receiving  
 26 appointment nominations from each group listed in subsection (b) of  
 27 this section, not more than thirty days after May 26, 2006. The  
 28 committee shall elect its own chairman and such other officers and  
 29 adopt such rules of procedure as it may deem appropriate. Members of  
 30 said committee shall receive no compensation for their services but  
 31 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses in the performance of their  
 32 duties.

33 (d) The committee shall advise the Commissioner of Environmental  
 34 Protection regarding funding, implementation and continuation of the  
 35 lobster restoration program established pursuant to section 26-157d  
 36 and funded pursuant to section 2 of this act.

37 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million one hundred  
 38 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
 39 Protection, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 40 2009, for implementation and continuation of the lobster restoration  
 41 program established pursuant to section 26-157d of the general  
 42 statutes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>from passage</i> | 26-157f     |
| Sec. 2  | <i>from passage</i> | New section |

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*